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SUBJECT:OPERATION "NEW ARRIVALS" INTERAGENCY RELATIONSHIPS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF: A) WHITE HOUSE MEMO OF 18 APRIL 1975; B) STATE 091721
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1. THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IS TO MOVE INDOCHINA IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES TO RECEPTION CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES AS SWIFTLY AS POSSIBLE; THIS MESSAGE DESIGNATES EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA AS A CONUS RECEPTION CENTER AND PROVIDES ORGANIZATIONAL GUIDANCE. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND COMMANDS INITIATE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO BEGIN PROCESSING PERSONNEL AT RECEPTION CENTER ON 3 MAY 75.

2. REF A ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR DEAN BROWN TO COORDINATE ALL ASPECTS OF THE EVACUATION OF US CITIZENS AND CERTAIN ALIENS FROM VIETNAM. REF B ASKED DOD, UNDER THE OVERALL COOPERATION OF THE AMBASSADOR TO BE PREPARED TO HOLD, WITH OTHER

AGENCIES SUPPORT, UP TO 50,000 EVACUEES FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 90 DAYS, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A LONGER PERIOD; UNTIL SUCH TIME STATE AND JUSTICE PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FINAL DISPOSITION. REF C PROVIDED INITIAL CONCEPT FOR THE GUAM SAFEHAVEN AND OPERATION QUOTE NEW ARRIVALS UNQUOTE AND INTERAGENCY RELATIONSHIPS ON GUAM WERE PRESCRIBED IN REF D.

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3. THE NEXT OBJECTIVE IS THE EXPEDITIOUS MOVEMENT OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES TO THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES IT IS ENVISIONED THAT MOVEMENT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY US MILITARY AND CIVILIAN CONTRACT AIRCRAFT FROM OVERSEAS SAFEHAVENS TO CONUS RECEPTION CENTERS DESIGNATED BY THE US GOVERNMENT. EARLY ACCOMPLISHMNT OF THIS OBJECTIVE WILL:

-- RELIEVE PROMPTLY SOME PRESSURE ON OVERSEAS SAFEHAVEN SITES.

-- DISPERSE THE WORKLOAD INVOLVED IN ARRANGING FOR ONWARD TRANSPORTATION AND RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE.

-- UNITE THE PERSONNEL WITH THEIR SPONSORS AND/OR VOLAGS AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES SO THAT THE MAJOR WORK ON RESETTLEMENT CAN BEGIN.

4. IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES WILL BE MOVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIORITIES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REF D. OTHER CATEGORIES WILL BE MOVED AS THEY ARE CLEARED FOR MOVEMENT BY THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE. PROCESSING PERSONNEL WILL BE RELEASED TO THEIR SPONSORS OR BE TRANSPORTED THROUGH VOLUNTEER AGENCIES' EFFORTS TO THEIR SPONSORS LOCATION.

5. COMMANDER EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE WILL BE PREPARED BY 1200 HOURS EDT 3 MAY 1975 TO 0900 HOURS:

- HOUSE AND PROVIDE FOR THE IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES DURING THEIR PROCESSING BY FEDERAL AND VOLUNTEER AGENCIES.
- PROVIDE WORKING SPACE AND RELATED SUPPORT FOR PERSONNEL OF FEDERAL AND VOLUNTEER AGENCIES (AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IF REQUIRED) WHO WILL PROCESS AND LOOK AFTER THE NEEDS OF THE REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS (E.G. FACILITIES AND TELEPHONES FOR PRESS AND FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY CENTERS).
- AVOID ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGRADATION OF MILITARY CAPABILITIES OR READINESS THAT HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE JCS.

6. THE MILITARY INSTALLATION COMMANDER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENERAL SUPPORT, SECURITY AND SAFETY OF THE
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RECEPTION CENTER. A SENIOR CIVIL OFFICIAL DESIGNATED BY IATF AND DESIGNATED THE CIVIL COORDINATOR, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING ALL CIVIL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO RECEPTION, CARE, PROCESSING AND RESETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY THE RECEPTION CENTER. BROAD TASKS OF EACH INCLUDE:

MILITARY INSTALLATION COMMANDER:

- RETAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVISION OF ALL LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE RECEPTION CENTER.
- PROVIDE FEDERAL AND VOLUNTARY AGENCY PERSONNEL WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPORT AND SERVICE NECESSARY TO THE PROPER PERFORMANCE OF THEIR RESETTLEMENT FUNCTIONS.
- COOPERATE WITH AND ASSIST THE CIVIL COORDINATOR TO ACHIEVE EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES. SUCH ASSISTANCE DOES NOT IMPLY SIGNIFICANT DEGRADATION OF US MILITARY CAPABILITIES AT THE DESIGNATED FACILITY WITHOUT SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROVAL.
- MAINTAIN DETAIL FUNDING RECORDS IN ORDER TO INSURE DOCUMENTATION FOR DOD REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FROM DEPT. OF STATE.

CIVIL COORDINATOR, RECEPTION CENTER

--HAS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF ALL FEDERAL CIVIL AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES' ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE SUPPORT AND PROCESSING OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES.

-- ASSUME OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY RELATING TO THE SUPPORT FOR PROCESSING OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES FROM THEIR ARRIVAL AT THE RECEPTION CENTER UNTIL THEIR DEPARTURE AT THE COMPLETION OF PROCESSING.

-- FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH INFO COPY TO DEPT OF DEFENSE FOR DECISION THOSE PROBLEMS WHICH CANNOT OTHERWISE BE RESOLVED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

7. A COORDINATED JOINT DAILY SITUATION REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH APPROPRIATE DEPT CHANNELS BY THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER AND THE CIVIL COORDINATOR. THE DAILY SITUATION REPORT AS OF 0001 EDT MUST REACH WASHINGTON BY 0600. AN UPDATE REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO REACH WASHINGTON AGENCIES BY 0900 EDT.

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8. PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS AT THE SELECTED SITES WAS PROVIDED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE BY SECDEF 2909442 APR 75.

9. PENDING ARRIVAL OF CIVIL COORDINATOR AND HIS STAFF AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, REQUEST DOD AUTHORIZE DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN MR. JAMES WILSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR

RESETTLEMENT, INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE, AND A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER, FOR PURPOSES OF COORDINATING DETAILS SUCH AS PHYSICAL SETUP OF THE RECEPTION CENTER, ARRIVAL OF STAFF PERSONNEL ETC. REQUEST MR. WILSON (PHONES) 202-632-3174/3173/3840/3841, MESSAGE ADDRESS, STATE, ATTN: MR. WILSON, AMBASSADOR BROWN'S INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE. BE PROVIDED INFORMATION SOONEST CONCERNING POINT OF CONTACT AT EGLIN AFB.

10. THE CIVIL COORDINATOR IS MR. JAMES CHANDLER, DETAILS ON HIS ARRIVAL AT EGLIN AFB WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY. KISSINGER

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